

## Off Road Enforcement Program

The Palmdale Sheriff's Station has the largest patrol area of all the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department stations. Covering an area approximately 1,300 square miles and serving over a quarter of a million community members. Our Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) team patrols the contract cities of Palmdale and all the unincorporated county areas. The largest area of our responsibility lies in rural towns surrounding both cities. Those areas included Acton, Agua Dulce, Leona Valley, Elizabeth Lake, Lake Hughes, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Llano, and Wrightwood. These townships make up over 1,100 square miles of rural desert and mountain areas.

The Palmdale OHV team has been active since the year 2000, initially concentrating on the issues within the city of Palmdale. Over several years the team's area of patrol has expanded to cover the entire area of Northern Los Angeles County, now including Quartz Hill, Lake Los Angeles, Antelope Acres, Fairmont and Hi-Vista; therefore, the OHV team has increased accordingly. The team added personnel from Lancaster Station and Community Partnerships Bureau in order to patrol more frequently and effectively. The OHV team now consists of one lieutenant, four sergeants and nine deputies. The Community Partnerships Bureau is a county funded unit and concentrates on quality of life issues in the unincorporated areas. The OHV team deploys on various weekends and holidays and is required to handle OHV complaints, which are called in by the public to either Palmdale Station, Lancaster Station or the local County Supervisor's Office.

The Palmdale Sheriff's Station is currently applying for a grant through the California State Parks and Recreation Division. The Grants and Cooperative Agreement Program allows for a 30-day public review and comment period. This period provides an opportunity for the public to review the preliminary applications submitted to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division for consideration during the current grant cycle. We encourage people to view the application and submit comments and questions. Palmdale Station's State Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application can be viewed at **Palmdale.lasd.org** under Featured Services/Off Road Enforcement Program.

The comments on the applications must be received between March 8, 2016, and April 4, 2016. The public may provide comments to both the Palmdale Station and the OHMVR Division by emailing: **lasdohv@lasd.org** and **carbon copying OHVinfo@parks.ca.gov**.